

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007  
7:30 P.M.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman  
Wayne Phillips  
Steven P. Rose

Others Present: Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel  
Mark Fisher, Town Administrator

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present.

On a motion made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Rose, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of Thursday, February 15, 2007 as submitted.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

At 7:35 p.m. the Board met with Bayside Engineering. Mike Rizzo, Senior Project Engineer from Bayside Engineering and Bill Ross of New England Civil Engineering gave a presentation of the completed drainage study. A detailed Preliminary Drainage Study handout was presented to the Board.

The Town retained Bayside Engineering and sub-consultant New England Civil Engineering in 2005 to investigate reported drainage problems in the Pond Street, Porter Street, Brentwood Avenue and Harrison Boulevard areas. This study was done in anticipation of the Pond Street and Page Street paving projects.

The Board discussed the analysis of water problems in the above mentioned area, easements and right of entry on private property and recommendations from Bayside Engineering in conjunction with the Pond and Page Street construction projects.

The Board agreed with the following timeline for the bid proposals for the roadway rehabilitation of Page Street:

Central Register—advertisement to appear by Tuesday, March 13, 2007. This would be done by Mike Rizzo of Bayside Engineering

Legal Notice to appear in the *Avon Messenger* on Wednesday, March 14, 2007—Mr. Fisher would be responsible for the Legal Notice

Bid documents can be acquired from the office of Bayside Engineering, Inc. starting on March 14, 2007

Sealed bid proposals would be received in the Selectmen's office until April 4, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at which time they would be publicly opened and read

Contract to be awarded by April 20, 2007

Construction to begin by May 1, 2007

A request was received from the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association for the Board's permission to post at least one "Check Twice" sign in the Town of Avon, with no cost to the Town, in order to support the Commonwealth's Motorcycle Safety Awareness Period, March 24 through April 30, 2007.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to grant permission to the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association to install a sign at a point agreed to by the Highway Department on Town property.

On the recommendation of Police Chief Warren Phillips, it was unanimously voted to approve the appointment of Mr. James McIsaac as a non-union alternate dispatcher, F-9, Step 1 at a salary of \$12.44 per hour.

A contract was received from Crimson Security Services, Inc. relative to new surveillance equipment for the Police Department. Mr. Fisher explained there was a problem with the original contract supplied by the vendor. In conjunction with Town Counsel, Joseph Lalli, an addendum was added to the contract.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve and sign the agreement and addendum with Crimson Security Services, Inc. with permission for the Town Administrator to fill in the dates (Performance Schedule) for the work to begin and end. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A request for a one day special alcohol permit was received from Avon Fish & Game Association for Sunday, March 11, 2007. Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the one day special alcohol permit for Avon Fish & Game Association for Sunday, March 11, 2007. Mr. Rose seconded the motion with discussion. Mr. Rose questioned whether or not a roster of trained personnel would be provided to the Town? Chairman Hegarty stated more information is needed. The item would be taken up at a later date. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Hegarty announced an Open House would be held on Saturday, March 3, 2007 in the Meeting Room at the Town Hall at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the Open House is to invite residents to join and volunteer to serve on Town Boards/Commissions that have

vacancies. If anyone is interested and willing to serve the Town, please join us on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

1. Highway/Water bond balances
2. Chapter 90 funds remaining; Open contracts and available funds for future contracts
3. Vandalism at the Miller-Tracy playground—Police Chief Warren Phillips will heighten security at the playground. Please report to the Police Department anything that looks unusual and anyone hanging around the area
4. Stormwater Drainage System—Chairman Hegarty reiterated an article was approved at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting for cleaning of brooks, etc.
5. Governor's Budget Proposal—total net aid to the Town of Avon in the amount of \$18,869, a 1.33% increase

A discussion followed regarding the Governor's proposed Municipal Partnership Act. The bill would empower cities and towns to levy a local option meals tax of up to 2%, increase the local hotel/motel tax by 1%, etc. Since the Town has no hotels and only a few restaurants, a 1% local sales tax would benefit the Town. The Board agreed that Senator Joyce and Representative Galvin should be contacted. Mr. Phillips suggested contacting the surrounding communities.

6. Mr. Fisher announced an Executive Session would not be necessary this evening.

At 9:20 p.m., with all business completed, Mr. Phillips made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein  
Secretary